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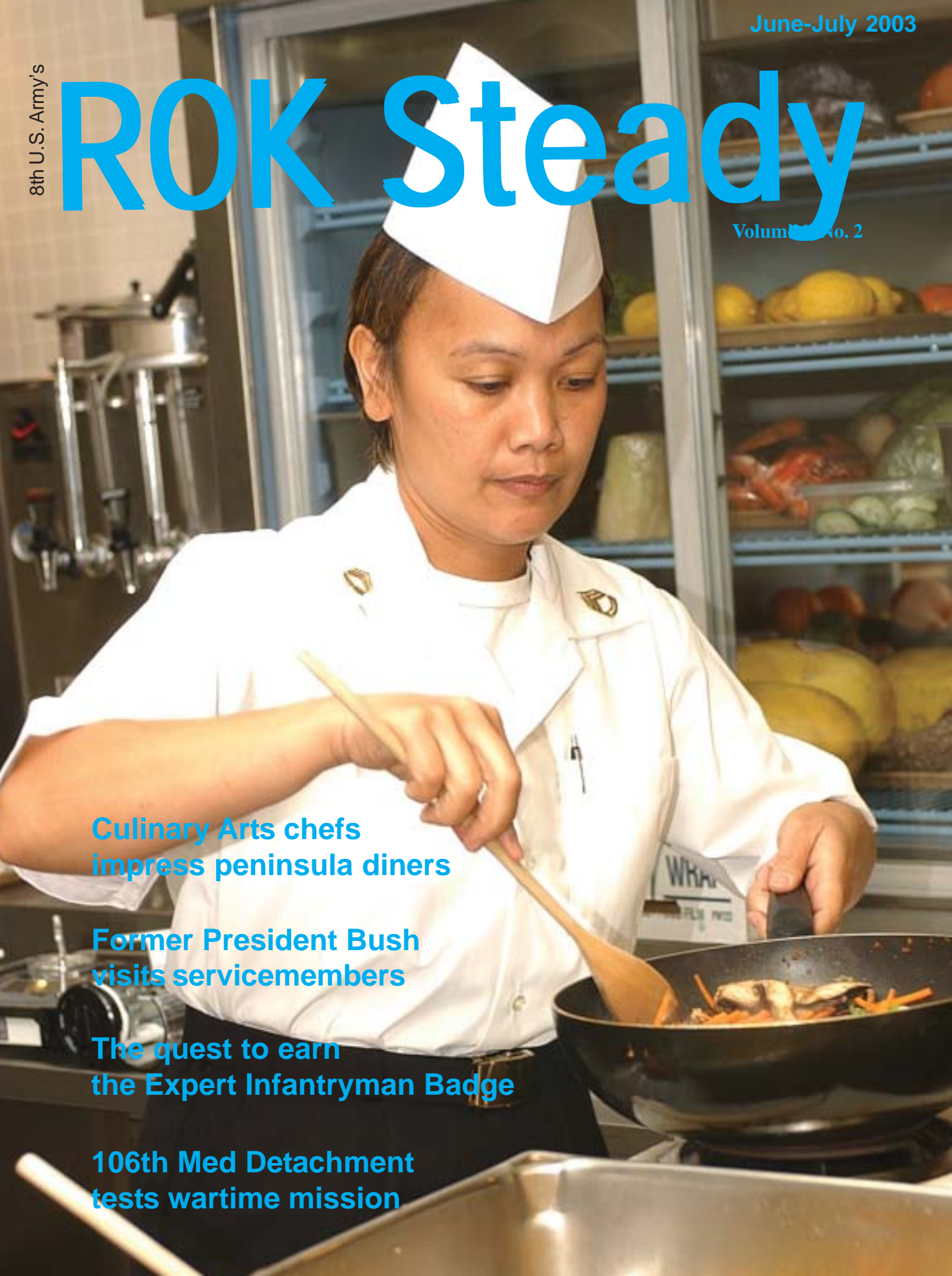
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Korea - the assignment of choice

By Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell & Command Sgt. Maj. Troy C. Welch

Hello to our 8th Army family. It has always been and always will be 8th U.S. Army's goal to take care of our soldiers, families and civilian employees. The centerpiece of our organization is you. Our people make 8th Army.

That is why it is important to make all soldiers, families and civilian employees happy. We do this by ensuring the well being of our 8th Army family. We do this by balancing the mutually supporting demands and expectations of the Army and its people.

Eighth Army ensures well being. Our goals have

and always will address the standards of life, pride and sense of belonging and personal enrichment.

It is important to accomplish well being. We will prioritize our resources to achieve the right balance among training, infrastructure and quality of life requirements across the Command.

Throughout the peninsula, we are constantly making changes on our installations. Whether it is healthcare, housing, education or post exchanges, 8th Army is making Korea a better place to live.

While here in Korea, I

also encourage you to explore the peninsula. The off-duty pleasures are abundant. This country has beautiful scenery and delicious cuisine to explore.

If you are located in Yongsan, Seoul offers everything from food, shopping, sight-seeing and amusement parks. Seoul has all you could ask for during off-duty. Take the time to relax and enjoy yourself. No matter where you are stationed, there is something to be explored.

I strongly encourage everyone to consider making Korea his or her assignment of choice. There are



Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell
Commander, 8th U.S. Army

many benefits to serving here. You will not regret it. Korea offers you personal and professional growth. Make Korea your assignment of choice.



Command Sgt. Maj. Troy C. Welch
Command Sergeant Major,
8th U.S. Army

When Gen. LaPorte called me and said that he selected me as the command sergeant major of UNC/CFC/USFK/EUSA, I was thrilled. I could not wait to continue to build on what Command Sgt. Maj. Palacios has already done. One of things I want to continue to build

on is making Korea the assignment of choice.

I have been in Korea for almost three years. I served at 19th Theater Support Group, as well as 23rd Area Support Group. Korea is the best-kept secret in the world. The Korean people are probably the most genuine I have met. I like the people and I like learning about their culture and way of life. I strongly encourage all 8th U.S. Army family members to explore what Korea has to offer.

Soldiers, I encourage you to get out of the barracks and explore outside our gates. The KATUSA soldiers are your best asset. Ask them to be your tour guide and explore this beautiful country. They want to share their culture and teach you about it. They can show you Korea.

The living conditions are constantly improving here. Eighth U.S. Army is constantly improving the living conditions for sol-

diers, civilians and family members. You cannot go on any post without finding some sort of construction going on. There are constant improvements: new infrastructures, post exchanges, commissaries and barracks. All of these things are done to make life better for 8th Army.

Training is another thing I like about being stationed in Korea. You cannot beat the training. You are as forward deployed as you are going to go. The training is real, the training is tough and the training is good.

This assignment provides opportunity. The realistic training, the opportunity to learn about a different culture, and working side-by-side KATUSA soldiers that can teach you about their culture.

I think Korea is an exciting assignment. Soldiers on the peninsula have wonderful opportunities on this peninsula. Every soldier, if given the opportunity, should come to Korea.



Cpl. Kang, Byung-sam

George H. W. Bush, former president of the United States, poses with USFK servicemembers at Yongsan Garrison April 15. Bush spoke with the troops on service, family and life as the president.

Former Pres. Bush visits servicemembers

by **Staff Sgt. Russell C. Bassett**
Staff Writer

Former President of the United States George Bush visited with U.S. and ROK servicemembers in Seoul April 15.

"I am asked what I miss about being president," Bush told the USFK troops, "and I have always said the thing I miss most about it is dealing with our superb, all-volunteer military force."

Bush had his attentive audience laughing loudly with his jokes about dealing with the press.

Bush also stressed the importance of family in his speech.

"For me it's no longer about issues; I am out of the issues business, I am out of the policy business," he said. "But it's the family that matters. It is critically important to me: family, faith and friends. That's about where my life is at."

Gen. Leon LaPorte, commander, UNC/CFC/USFK, introduced the 41st president of the United States to representatives of the major USFK commands.

"President Bush's leadership proved critical to the resolution of some of the most daunting conflicts of our time," he said. "After 40 years of superpower stalemate, historic events became almost common place: the fall of the Berlin

Wall, the Reunification of Germany, the end of the Cold War, the flourishing of Democracy in Eastern Europe, and, of course, there is Desert Storm. Many of you veterans of Desert Storm stand as a testament to the presidential leadership and American resolve in an uncertain and dangerous world."

Bush told the troops that the current president, his son, supported them.

"I think that people at home, and I know this is true of our president, still recognize the fundamental importance (of the military) to the national security of the United States and to the national security of Korea," he said. "So I hope you have a sense of service and I hope you have a sense of the importance . . . that the American people and this president places on your service to country."

LaPorte ended his introduction by quoting the president in a speech he gave at Texas A&M University.

"Destiny, it has been said, is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice," Bush told the college students 10 years ago. "And we can never safely assume that our future will be an improvement over the past. Our choice as people is simple; we can either shape our times or let the times shape us. And shape us they will, at a price too frightening to complicate: morally, economically and strategically."

Honor Guard showcases primary mission

by **Staff Sgt. Russell C. Bassett**
Staff Writer

The United Nations Command Honor Guard Company is best known for its performance at ceremonies, but, as showcased in the May 20 Close Quarters Battle Exercise at the Joint Security Area, that is not its primary mission.

“Basically everyone knows the Honor Guard from ceremonial duties at Knight Field (in Yongsan), but what most people don’t realize is that our primary mission is actually the security of the combatant commander, his household, his place of duty and other key command and control facilities in Seoul,” said 1st Sgt. Lance Dyckman, the Honor Guard’s first sergeant.

To train for that mission, the Honor Guard Company conducts regular exercises and training events.

“We get involved with 2nd Infantry Division with its field exercises, we also do numerous marksmanship ranges, and proficiency ranges,” said Dyckman.

He compared the Honor Guard’s training to that of the Rangers or the FBI.

The Honor Guard conducted its quarterly Close Combat Battle Exercise at the Close Quarters Combat Range, or “shoot house,” at Camp Bonifas.

The shoot house is a building containing four rooms and two hallways in which a team of combatants “sweeps” through to “clear” the rooms. Four-man teams of Honor Guard soldiers conducted a dry fire and a blank fire, before using live runs to sweep the targets out of the shoot house.

“(The exercise) gave us the advantage of learning to shoot while moving and clearing out rooms because that is our main mission,” said Spc. Jerald Rutter, Honor Guard member. “If North Korea ever does come into Yongsan, it is our job to fight building to building.”

The Honor Guard’s commander, Capt. Jackson Seims, was



Pfc. Jang, Seung-mo

Soldiers from the UNC Honor Guard Co. attack through a hallway at the JSA Close Quarters Combat Range.



Staff Sgt. Russell C. Bassett

A combat team checks for booby traps before entering a room during a close quarters live fire.

pleased with how the exercise was conducted.

“This was a chance for us to train-up new soldiers and sustain the ones that have been here for a while,” he said. “It is imperative for any soldier, especially Honor Guard soldiers, to be ready around the clock, all the time, and there is only one way to accomplish that – and it’s not from talking about it – it’s from training.”

And the UNC Honor Guard Co. does exactly that.

“At the end of the day, we are an infantry company, and we get to do a lot of infantry stuff on a regular basis,” said Dyckman. “Our guys put a lot of rounds down range.”

Seims said the Honor Guard is always looking for motivated soldiers who like to train. He also said the company has soldiers from just about every Military Occupational Specialty and is open to everyone.

Those interested in joining the Honor Guard are recommended to call 1st Sgt. Dyckman at (DSN) 725-6167 or e-mail him at dyckman1@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Warriors show determination, perseverance in pursuit of EIB

by **Pfc. Scott Akanewich**
2nd Infantry Division

The Expert Infantryman Badge measures seven-sixteenths by 3 inches in width, however, it truly represents something much larger, an infantryman's heart and desire to be the best at his craft.

At Warrior Base near the Korea demilitarized zone, more than 1,300 2nd Infantry Division soldiers put their combat skills to the ultimate test in their quest to earn that rectangular, infantry blue symbol of soldiering excellence.

One of these soldiers was Pvt. Daniel Firszt, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, rifleman. Firszt's desire for an EIB goes beyond the usual reasons, such as promotion points or simply the prestige that comes with it.

"My grandfather, who fought in the Korean War, has an EIB and I wanted to follow in his footsteps," said Firszt. "I even volunteered to come to Korea so I could serve where

he did."

The distinction of earning an EIB is what draws these soldiers to perform this myriad of tasks from employing and recovering an M-18A1 claymore mine to loading and correcting malfunctions on and reloading an M-240B 7.62-mm machine gun, said to Sgt. Maj. Robert Linschoten, 1st Bn., 503rd Inf., operations sergeant major.

"Anybody can get a Combat Infantryman Badge by being in the right place at the right time," said Linschoten. "EIB is an individual test of the soldier's ability to perform under pressure with time constraints."

Two cycles tested for the EIB at Warrior Base. Of the 1,381 soldiers who tested, 412 earned the EIB. Of those awarded, 102 were "true blue." These soldiers completed all 36 tasks successfully without any no-gos and were afforded additional recognition at the pin-on ceremony, which took place on Camp Casey.



Yu, Hu-son

Pfc. Craig Emlaw, Co. C, 1st Bn., 506th Inf. Regt., disassembles an M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon.

At this EIB testing, there were a total of three test lanes consisting of 18 stations featuring 36 different tasks the soldiers had to complete in order to earn the badge. A soldier is allowed two "no-go's", but if a third task isn't successfully completed, he is eliminated from consideration for the EIB.

Still, whether or not a soldier earns his EIB, the experience gained is valuable, said Linschoten.

"This is one of the most

important things these guys can do because the leadership learned on individual tasks makes that soldier better after three and a half weeks of working on different things," he said. "He will gain invaluable experience that will help him and his unit survive in combat."

In addition to the testing lanes, all soldiers must successfully complete a 12-mile foot march while carrying



Pfc. Scott Akanewich

Pvt. Daniel Firszt, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf., rifleman, assumes a prone fighting position on the Individual Movement Techniques lane. Soldiers must perform a proper low and high crawl.

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City of Gyeongju offers culture, history

by **Pfc. Yoon, Jong-pil**
Staff Writer

The city of Gyeongju was the capital of the 1,000-year Shilla Kingdom.

According to Lee, Seung-Ok of the information booth in Bulguksa Temple, Gyeongju is such a fascinating city because it outlasted any other dynasty in the world. But apart from this, Koreans better know Gyeongju as the city of culture. The whole city is full of cultural treasures, causing many people to say it is a museum without walls.

One of the most popular sites within Gyeongju is the Seokgulam Grotto. This grotto is a man made granite-domed cave that is unique to this city. The many statues within the grotto complement the narrow cave, and the precise stonecutting skill that is on and around the statue of Buddha demonstrates the pinnacle of Shilla culture.

The Bomun Lake Resort District is the area where most people stay while in Gyeongju



Pfc. Yoon, Jong-pil

The Bulguksa Temple means Land of Happiness. The temple shows the essence of the Buddhism culture. It was built when Buddhism flourished most.

as the area offers plentiful scenery and entertainment, such as boat rides, art museums, culture expos, traditional performances and amusement rides. There is also the Cheomseongdae Observatory, which is the oldest astronomi-

cal observatory of the Orient, and the Gyeongju Folkcraft Village that exhibits, sells and lets one make ancient style kilns and potteries. Other places to visit are Bulguksa Temple,

Poseokjeong Pavillion, the many Buddha carvings and statues near the Mt. Namsan area, the Gyeongju National Museum and the Underwater Tomb of King Munmu.



Pfc. Yoon, Jong-pil

Left: The bottle shaped Cheomseongdae Observatory has a reason for it's unusual shape. The 12 stones on the on the base corresponds to the months of the year, the 30 layers of stones represents the days of the month and the 362 stones that are used in all accounts for the days in 1 year of the lunar calendar.

Right:
A professional at the Gyeongju Folkcraft Village makes a kiln by using the traditional method.



Pfc. Yoon, Jong-pil

106th Medical Detachment

by **Spc. Lynnette M. Jefferson**
Editor

Soldiers from the 106th Medical Detachment, Veterinary Services, put its training to the test April 7 to April 11 during a field training exercise at Camp Humphreys.

The 106th Medical Detachment provides veterinary services throughout the peninsula. Its mission does not stop there.

“Our wartime mission is that we have soldiers who take care of military working dogs on the battlefield,” said Capt. Chad D. Foster, veterinarian, 106th Medical Detachment. We are also still responsible for the food supply that goes to the troops.”

The FTX offered soldiers from Camp Red Cloud, Yongsan, Osan, Daegu and Busan a variety of challenges. Professional Filler System soldiers came from the States to participate as well. PROFIS soldiers are from reserve units in the States. These soldiers would deploy to the 106th Medical Detachment during wartime.

Tasks soldiers faced included field surgeries, dental cleanings, field inspections and dealing with civilians on the battlefield and reviewing soldiers’ skills.

“This is a well-rounded exercise, something that is critical. Another reason why the exercise went well is because we trained

to standard,” said Staff Sgt. Violeta F. Anderson, food inspections noncommissioned officer-in-charge, 106th Medical Detachment. “We did typical things that may happen in the battlefield. One example would be that we had large crowds of people looking for food. Soldiers had to react to that situation.”

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Caruth, food inspections noncommissioned officer, 106th Medical Detachment said that the large crowd of people looking for food was good practice.

“This is one of the things we have to deal with, humanitarian issues. We give out food and we may have to react to large crowds,” Caruth said.

For humanitarian efforts, the food must be inspected as well.

“When food is handed out, you have to make sure the food is safe,” said Caruth. “You cannot just go and hand out rotten food to people.”

Caruth said what was unique about this exercise is that the missions are real world oriented.

“The food inspectors have to put thought into how they would handle the situation. They have to sit down and think of how to accomplish the mission, as a team,” said Caruth. “The exercise went really well. It has been scenariodrivn and something that soldiers can use. It also helps the new soldiers by giving them training.”



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Staff Sgt. Violeta F. Anderson (left), Food Inspections noncommissioned officer-in-charge, observes Spc. Kelly S. Donner (center), veterinarian technician, 106th Medical Detachment, as she reviews with Staff Sgt. Clayton E. Pollack, food inspector, 106th Medical Detachment the proper way to perform CPR on a dog.

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Spc. Nicole L. Rowley (left) watches Spc. Jessica E. Botta insert an IV into a patient's vein as Sgt. Danella N. Jacob (right) holds the patient's leg to ensure he does not move. All three are veterinarian technicians with the 106th Medical Detachment. Cpt. Patricia Riley, veterinarian, ensures the procedure goes properly.

Foster said he could not agree more.

"Between the field hospitals where surgeries were conducted as well as sick call, this was good realistic training," he said. "The food inspectors also did inspections on Meals, Ready to Eat. These are things we would definitely be dealing with in a wartime environment."

Foster said that there was also the chance to practice soldiers' skills.

"There has been great NBC training, common task training, and civilians on the battlefield," he said. "All of the soldiers come to the exercise with a good attitude and they are ready to learn. These soldiers are hard chargers. They want to do a good job."

Anderson said it was important to keep up on soldier tasks.

"It is important, especially map reading and land navigation. If you do not practice them enough, you will lose them," Anderson said.

For some soldiers, the FTX gave them opportunities to do new things.

"This is my first time doing live surgeries in the field. So far, I have assisted in two surgeries," said Sgt. Danella N. Jacob, veterinarian technician, 106th Medical Detachment. "We did dental cleanings on dogs as well. We are not working on military dogs,

but on privately owned pets. Owners who bring their pets to our clinic for treatment allowed us to conduct treatment in the field."

Capt. Patricia Riley, veterinarian, 106th Medical Detachment said field surgeries are essential for the care of military working dogs.

"Here is where we stop life threatening wounds. It's the first stop for casualties on the battlefield," said Riley. "If we can fix them up, we put them back on the line. If not, we treat them and send them stateside."

Riley said she believes that the dogs are important out in the field.

"They are the additional eyes, ears and nose for soldiers," she said. "Dogs can be aggressive to protect. If the person attacking gives up, you can tell the dog to stop. This is the only "bullet" that can be recalled."

Maj. Kenneth E. Despain, XO, said this exercise is about bringing a year's worth of training together.

"This final FTX, everyone is more seasoned. The exercise is going really well," he said. "The soldiers are very experienced. They have road marched here and set up their tents and cots. They have to plan what resources they need. They are practicing our ability to transfer from fixed facility to out in the field. We do 10 to 12 missions a day and I am pleased with how it has turned out."

8th U.S. Army culinary arts team

by **Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess**
34th Area Support Group

Due to the current world situation, soldiers in the Army have been seeing many changes. These changes range from stop movement orders and deployments to food.

For only the second time in its 30-year history, the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition has been cancelled. The first time was because of Operation Desert Storm.

“Everyone was really disappointed,” said 8th U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team Member Sgt. 1st Class Ben Tesoro, from Camp Hovey. “It kind of knocked the wind out of our sails.”

But that didn’t stop the 12-member team that had been slated to represent South Korea at the Fort Lee, Va., competition.

Instead of wasting countless hours of training and intensive preparation, the team chose to share the results of their labor with soldiers by hosting a luncheon at K-16 Dining Facility in Yongsan Feb. 25. An entire section of the new facility was set aside not only for the team to display



Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess

Pfc. Pedro Quirogo (left), Spc. Micheal Carmicheal (center) and Spc. Joseph Gavin (right) show their culinary talents as they prepare dishes.

their culinary masterpieces, but also for them to serve the food which would have otherwise been sampled by judges at the competition.

The team’s Asian Pacific theme included foods such as shrimp rolls, fried rice, coconut chicken and green tea ice cream.

For Spc. David Parks, a cook with the 23rd Area Support Group, the competition

said. “I certainly never thought that I’d be on a culinary arts team.”

Although a few of the 8th Army team members are newcomers, the combined experience of the senior members is quite



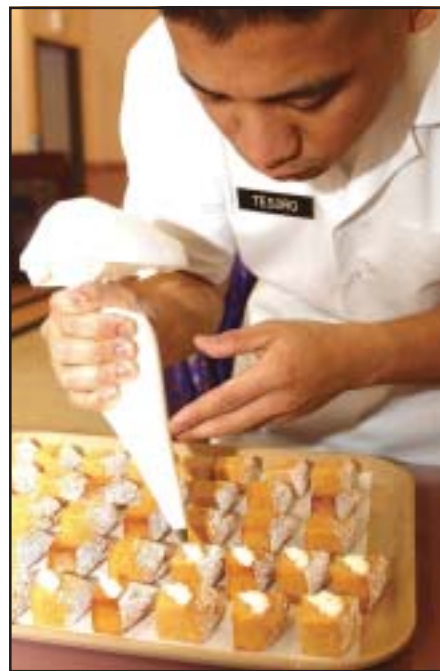
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Sgt. Rapheal Bonair, Co. A, 5/5 Air Defense Artillery, Camp Casey, practices “plating” up an appetizer.

“I didn’t realize the skill-level of the food services offered in the Army. I certainly never thought that I’d be on a culinary arts team.”

would have been his first. Parks, who has been in the Army for little more than two years, placed first in the 8th U.S. Army competition, which earned him a seat on the team.

“I didn’t realize the skill-level of the food services offered in the Army,” he



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Sgt. 1st Class Ben Tesoro, HHC, 19th Infantry Mechanized Regiment, Camp Hovey, pipes cream cheese frosting on a coconut financier cake.

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impressive. Many have had repeat showings at the Army-level competition; a few have even made it to the Culinary Olympics competing against as many as 40 other nations.

This level of professionalism is one reason the cancellation of the Fort Lee competition has been such a disappointment.

“We regret that our soldiers will not be competing because this year’s team was one of the strongest teams in recent years,” said Sgt. 1st Class E.B. Leflore, 8th U.S. Army Food Service supervisor,

“I am comfortable with thinking that we would have placed within the top five,” said Tesoro.

Although the team wasn’t involved in a competition, the preparation for the lunch was no less stressful than the Army-level event.

“This is a different type of stress,” said Sgt. Rapheal Bonair, Camp Casey. “Rather than having judges merely sample a few of our items, people will taste everything that has been prepared.”

Preparation began days, and even weeks, in advance. Items like a four-foot long dragon centerpiece took two weeks to perfect.

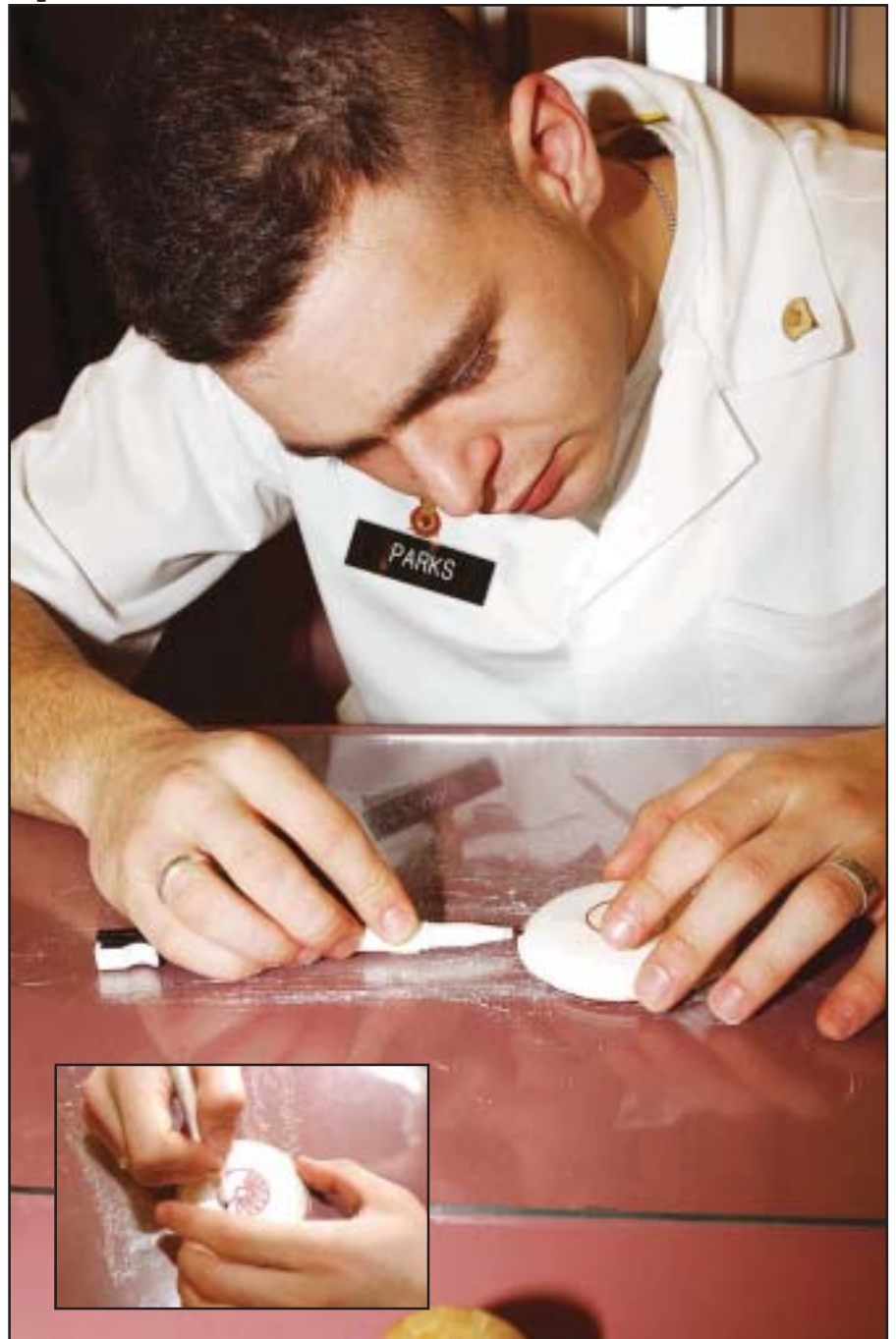
Team Captain Master Sgt. Carolyn Lewis, 34th Support Group, who is charge



Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess

Spc. Joseph Gavin cooks glass noodles for an Asian pasta dish.

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Spc. David Parks from Camp Humphreys, makes an umbrella out of sugar dough to accompany a traditional Korean doll that is also made entirely of sugar.

of training all the team members, said she feels that the lunch was a success.

“The team had only trained together for a couple weeks and were able to successfully utilize all the food on hand,” she said.

Due to the success of the event, the team members said they are hoping to travel throughout the peninsula to share their knowledge with soldiers working at

various dining facilities.

Even though the team members didn’t get to compete this year, they still gained valuable experience that will help them in future competitions.

“Hopefully we inspired our young soldiers to make (competing on the team again) one of their future goals,” said Tesoro.

The Ghosts of War: two promin

by **Staff Sgt. Russell C. Bassett**
Staff Writer

"If you have been in combat, there is almost a fraternity handshake, a secret message between guys that have actually fought and known combat; there is nothing like it in the world," said James Brady, Parade magazine columnist and bestselling author.

Brady, who saw combat 50 years ago in the Korean War, returned last week to remember the ghosts of his life as a Marine officer fighting on the DMZ in 1951 and 1952.

In the last chapter of Brady's bestselling memoir, "The Coldest War," the columnist tells his audience that he will never go back to Korea. He tells his readers that he no longer wants to feel the cold, experience the Siberian wind, or disturb the ghosts of his past as a rifle platoon leader in the "Forgotten War."

"I wanted to do a story of 50 years of the Armistice Agreement," he said. "I wanted to write about that and the Korean War, but I had no intention of coming back over here."

Parade Magazine, which has a circulation of 37 million copies every week and can be seen in 350 Sunday-edition

newspapers throughout the United States, was able to change Brady's mind.

"Parade magazine said, 'why don't you go over there?' and I said I would, but only if I could go back to the two places where I fought: at Hill 229 and back to Hill 749 in the eastern mountains where I learned to fight," Brady explained. "If I could get back to those two places and write about them, I would take the assignment, and they said, 'that is exactly what we want you to do.'"

The two places Brady wanted to visit are in the DMZ and, according to Brady, at first he was unsure whether or not he would be able to revisit the battlefields of his youth. But USFK did not let Brady down.

"We had an hour with Gen. Leon LaPorte (commander, UNC, CFC, USFK) and his deputy ... and he promised that, 'yes, we will get to you to Hill 749 if I have to send you in my own chopper.'"

During his week in Korea, Brady stayed at Camp Bonifas, toured Panmunjom and the Joint Security Area and spent a night with the scout platoon at Observation Post Oullette. He also visited with the reconnaissance battalion of the Republic of Korea's 12th Infantry Division in northeast Korea.

Brady said a large focus of his story for

Parade, which was scheduled to appear in the May 25 issue, will focus on his time with 1st Lt. James Gleason, scout platoon leader of the UNC Security Battalion-JSA. Brady and Gleason compared stories of what it was (and is) like living and working on the DMZ.

Brady earned a Bronze Star Medal for valor for his efforts in a firefight near Hill 749 on Memorial Day of 1952. According to Brady, he and a reinforced rifle platoon were sent out to see if there was any enemy activity on the hill. "We found out very quickly that the Chinese were indeed there, and a very brisk firefight ensued," he said.

Brady said he lead the right flank as the Marines attacked the hill two times and were each time repulsed.

"Strangely enough, only the point man was killed, but there were 32 wounded," he said. "There were 48 of us that went up that hill and 33 were hit."

Parade magazine sent Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Eddie Adams along with Brady for the story.

Adams won the 1969 Pulitzer for his famous Vietnam War photo "Saigon Execution." He was also runner up for the award in 1967 for his photography of the "boat people" escaping the destruction of the Vietnam War.

Adams, who was a Marine combat photographer during the Korean War, has photographed 13 wars, including the first Gulf War, the Iranian-Iraqi War and the Jordanian Civil War. He has worked for Time, Life, London Times, Associated Press, National Geographic and now Parade magazine.

"I was first in Korea in the beginning of 1953," said Adams, "What we would do as combat photographers is that we would go up on the line for a month or so and then go back to headquarters to develop our pictures."

At the end of the Korean War, Adams photographed the exchange of prisoners of war, Operation Big Switch, and the original Armistice talks.

Brady and Adams explained what it was like to return to Korea and DMZ.

"Two things stand out in my mind as being favorite parts of the trip," said Brady. "Revisiting my youth up on Hill 749 was



Staff Sgt. Russell C. Bassett

James Brady (left) and Eddie Adams (right) pose in a gun mount at a Republic of Korea observation post near Hill 749 on the east side of the Demilitarized Zone.

ent journalists return to Korea



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Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Eddie Adams photographs James Brady as members of the UNC Joint Security Area Battalion, explain the terrain. Hill 229, one of the hills Brady fought on as Marine lieutenant in the Korean War, can be seen in the background.

emotionally very moving and very satisfying, and I think the overnight stay at OP O with 1st Lt. Jim Gleason and his scout platoon was professionally and personally a delight.

"I thought to myself, when I was 23, I was doing things like this myself, and it was great to see young Americans doing it competently," he continued.

Adams has been back to Korea several times since the War, but this was his first trip back to the DMZ.

"This trip has been very interesting," he said. "It is all built up. It used to be just tents; everything was temporary so its brand new to me, but I photographed the first (Armistice) talks so it all came back. I was probably standing on the same spot I first took those photographs."

For Gleason, who represented Brady's younger self, the journalist's

visit with the scout platoon was a memorable experience.

"I talked to (Brady) as a soldier to a soldier," he said. "When we went out on patrol, he asked if there were any times when the hairs stand up on your neck. He talked about LPOPs and lying in the snow and I could relate to him very easily. It reminded me that he was a soldier and remembers what it was like."

Even though Gleason has yet to see combat, his scout platoon is truly "In Front of Them of All," and the young lieutenant seemed to appreciate that Brady has been there.

"Normally with reporters I don't get involved; they come up and take their pictures and leave," said Gleason. "But this man has served his country and I owe him a great deal. I would never turn away a veteran. I would never turn away someone who has seen combat."

Brady, who is considering writing a book about his return to Korea, was glad that he changed his mind about revisiting the ghosts of his days in combat.

"I can't become 23 again, but it was a pleasant feeling knowing I was here as a young man and that I served well," he said. "After all these years, through the prisms of time, experience and age, I was seeing what I was 50 years ago. It was moving and exciting to be there. I saw Gleason saddling up and locking and loading to go out on patrol, and I remembered that, once you step out past the barbed wire, you really are out there."

Veterans of the Korean War will never think of it as the "Forgotten War." The return of that war's two famous veterans gave evidence to that. Clearly, the ghosts still haunt the old and modern battle lines drawn into the mountains of the DMZ.

MP soldiers hone battle skills

by **Spc. Olubunmi Babalola**
8th MP Brigade

Despite the rain that slapped their faces, the 57th Military Police Company soldiers were not hindered from spending 12 days honing their combat skills while training on their wartime mission at Angang Range. They conducted a live-fire exercise April 21 through May 1 in order to test their ability to fight tonight.

As they prepared for battle in weather conditions few others could bear, the MPs improved several of their basic battle skills, such as communication during a wartime situation, coordination of movement between teams and calling for a MEDEVAC helicopter to lift a mock casualty from the battlefield.

In preparation for the exercise, Capt. Nile L. Clifton, 57th MPCo. commander, set up a sand table that depicted a graphical representation of the terrain on which the soldiers would maneuver during the exercise. This sand table provided the soldiers an idea of the mission and terrain that lied ahead.

“The main focus of this training was for the soldiers to learn, comprehend and put to use the technical and tactical skills necessary to be successful in combat,” said Capt. Nile L. Clifton, the company commander.

The training was a mock battle drill in which the military police soldiers were inserted by air from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter to perform a deliberate attack on an enemy cache point in order to



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Members of the 57th Military Police Company await the arrival of the CH-47 Chinook helicopter as they prepare to move out.

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eliminate the enemy’s threat in the area. Since it is the duty of MP soldiers to guard the rear area, they were tasked with keeping the supply routes open and eliminating enemy special operations

forces trying to disrupt the rear area.

During the training, the military police soldiers were successful in directly hitting their target with a live AT-4 11 out of 12 times.

Despite the many challenges, the 57th MP soldiers were highly motivated and stayed focused on the mission and tasks at hand.

“Communication on the battlefield was a minor challenge faced by the soldiers during the exercise,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Doggett, first platoon sergeant. “However, the squad leaders were able to combat this challenge by setting-up alternate means of communication with their soldiers. They made use of the arm and hand signals, whistles and smoke canisters.”

While the 8th MP Brigade, of which the 57th is a subordinate element, remains committed to protecting the force, it must also ensure that it’s ready to conduct its wartime mission.

“Our live-fire exercise program provides a tiered approach to help accomplish our mission,” said Col. Peter M. Champagne, commander, 8th MP Bde. “It is a giant step in helping the transformation as a brigade toward our



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Soldiers of the 57th MP Company rush towards an enemy position.

Is through live-fire exercise

wartime operation. We have begun to focus on more war-fighting training,” he added.

Since he took command of the 8th Military Police Brigade, Champagne has focused on accomplishing five priorities: physical fitness and mental toughness, live-fire exercises, maintenance, leader and soldier development, and quality of life.

This was the first time in the brigade that both a day and a night dismounted live-fire exercises were conducted.

According to Doggett, this training proves the soldiers’ ability to move as a member of a fire team and to react to contact when engaged by the enemy. They learned the ability to maneuver as a squad and were also able to practice removing a mock-casualty through a helicopter evacuation.



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A 57th MP Company soldier in the support by fire position loads her M-249 squad automatic weapon.

169th Signal Company Hosts Area III/IV Technology Olympics



Spc. Daniel M. Okada

Spc. Susan Duenas, 16th Medical Logistics, Company A, prepares a length of Category 5 networking cable during the cable fabrication portion of the 36th Signal Battalion, Area III/IV Technology Olympics, hosted by the 169th Signal Co. at Camp Henry April 10.

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a 35-pound rucksack in three hours, expert day and night qualification with the M-16A2 rifle, complete a land navigation course and pass an Army Physical Fitness Test with a minimum score of 70 points in all three APFT events.

The rugged hillsides of Warrior Base provide a unique testing ground in which the various test lanes are tucked away, almost hidden from view in some cases.

One of these lanes is the individual camouflage lane where soldiers must successfully camouflage not only themselves, but also their weapons and equipment.

Sgt. Luke Smith, a team leader with Co. C, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf., was one of the instructors at this lane and explained what they look for when judging a soldiers' camouflaging skills.

"On their equipment and weapons, we make sure that the camouflage breaks the outline and square edges," said Smith. This means that the various shapes of things are blended in so they don't stand out.

The soldiers have 12 minutes to successfully camouflage everything to standard.

Camouflage is sometimes an underrated, but critical, skill in carrying out a successful mission, said Smith.



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2nd Lt. Eric Currence, platoon leader, Co. D, 1st Bn., 506th Inf., works on a radio.



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Pvt. Glen Hendrix, B Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. applies camouflage.

"One of the most important things is camouflage because you want to see the enemy before he sees you," he said. This is achieved through proper concealment.

Pfc. Raymond Berry, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 503rd Inf., radio-telephone operator, spoke of the significance of the EIB while busily applying shades of green and black to his face.

"The EIB is one of the most important things to an infantrymen because it defines that they are good at their job," said Berry.

The mental aspects of EIB are the most difficult part of EIB testing, said many of the soldiers vying for the honor.

There are, some curves along the way, according to Pvt. Abraham Cavazos, A Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf., squad automatic weapon gunner.

"There's a lot of stuff I haven't seen before," said Cavazos, who drew a parallel between EIB and a scholastic environment.

"It's like school in a lot of ways--Doing homework and helping each other out as a unit," he said.

However, one of the more physical tests is the individual movement techniques lane, in which the soldier must successfully display proper low and high crawl technique as well as three to five second rushes in order to safely cover ground in the process of reaching an objective while under fire.

This is a task that's not as easy as it looks, said Staff Sgt. Spencer Ford, Co. C,

2nd Bn., 9th Inf., squad leader.

"They have to position their weapons correctly, alternate arms and legs while crawling and make sure to keep the muzzle of their weapons out of the dirt," said Ford.

Technique is where most people fall short on this task, said Ford.

"Most people mess up the rush because they don't use the proper foot plant, break their fall with the stock of their weapon, roll over on their side or have their weapon at the ready," he said.

Pfc. Travis Hilderbrand, HHC, 1st Bn., 503rd Inf., driver, agreed.

"The three to five second rush is the hardest," said Hilderbrand. "There are so many ways to skin a cat, but there's only one way to do it by the standard."

Being held to these standards can make for some anxious moments during the testing, said Hilderbrand.

"Of course, I'm nervous, but the training that I've received makes me confident," he said.

To some of these soldiers, the EIB and what it stands for is the epitome of their profession.

"This is why I joined the infantry," said Pfc. Russell Durgin, Co. c, 1st Bn., 506th Inf., M-240B machine gunner. "It means that I'm an expert at my job."

Infantrymen don't always get the credit they deserve for the intelligence level required to carry out these tasks in a pressure-packed environment, said Durgin.

Upcoming Events



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EVENT	DATE	PLACE	SPONSOR
Everland Amusement Park	June 29		USO
Whitewater Rafting/Bungee Jumping	June 29		USO
Insadong Night Tour	July 2		USO
Jejudo Overnight Tour	July 3-5		USO
Mt. Chiri Overnight Tour	July 4-6		USO
Seoul City Night Tour	July 4		USO
Lotte World Tour	July 6		USO
Ichon Potter Tour	July 8		USO
Bomun Temple	July 11		UAO
Area I Swimming Championship	July 12	Camp Casey	MWR
Cultural Tour	July 17		USO
Seoul Land and Zoo	July 20		USO
Everland Amusement Park	July 22		USO
Magic on Ice Show	July 25		USO
Odae San & Herb Farm Overnight Tour	July 26-27		USO
Area I Triathlon	July 26	Camp Casey	MWR
KORO/BOSS Battle of the Bands	July 26	Camp Humphreys	MWR
Women's Softball Championship	July 30-Aug. 2	Camp Humphreys	MWR
Age 33 & Over Softball Championship	July 30-Aug. 2	Camp Humphreys	MWR
8th Army 10-Miler	Aug. 2	Camp Casey	MWR
Company Softball Championship	Aug. 6-9	Camp Walker	MWR
Area I Team Triathlon	Aug. 30	Camp Casey	MWR
Hawaiian Luau	Aug. 30	Dragon Hill Lodge	DHL

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A scout commander from the 2nd Infantry Division assists his driver during a mission.

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